(c) The high volume of NPAs has *been* a matter of serious concern to RBI. RBI has been exhorting bank's top managements through discussions after each annual financial inspection and during the memorandum of understanding (MOU) discussions to reduce the NPAs to sustainable levels Govt, and RBI have been impressing upon the banks the need to strengthen the credit appraisal machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Targets for recovery/ reduction for non performing assets have been fixed by RBI. Banks have also set up recovery cells at their head quarters under the charge of a General Manager exclusively to monitor the recovery of NPAs. Branch-wise targets have been fixed for recovery of NPAs and performance of branches in recovery is to be monitored at head office level on a monthly basis by the Chief Executives. The Board of Directors are also required to be kept informed about the progress in recovery at quarterly intervals.

RBI has issued guidelines to banks for taking possible pragmatic action including compromises on reasonable terms instead of resorting to prolonged litigation.

Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) have been established at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Delhi and Jaipur and an Appellate Tribunal at Mumbai under Recovery of Debts due to Banks, and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 for expeditious adjudication and recovery of debts due to banks and financial institutions.

Banks have also been advised to settle their loan recovery cases through Lok Adalats/Nayalayas through fair compromises.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Arrangement for maintenance of Regular Records of Revenue Earning by Foreign/ Private Channels

346. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCATING be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 1618 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government will ensure that arrangements are introduced for maintenance of regular records of revenue earned by foreign /private channels in the country; and

(b) whether arrangement will also be made to maintain centrally a complete statement of leakage of foreign exchange because of remittances made by foreign television channels out of the advertisement revenue they earn in India?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Finalising the proposal for control of Malaria in Tribal Areas

347. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have submitted the necessary information as required by the World Bank for finalising the proposal in respect of tribal areas for control of malaria; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Few States with high malaria endemicity and sizeable tribal backward population were asked to Jurnish detailed epidemiological

profile of the areas to be 'covered under the proposed World Bank assisted miliaria project alongwith constraints facing the programme. These States were also asked to give long term commitments for implementing & sustaining the malaria control strategics during and after the project period. This information has been received from most of these States.

Cancellation of World Bank Projects involving corruption

348. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of World Bank has declared that World Bank would cancel the projects involving corruption in implementation;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the details of the World Bank projects underway and their present status;

(d) whether Government are aware that the World bank has offered "advice, encouragement and support" to its borrower countries to fight corruption; and

(e) if so, whether Government have approached the World Bank for such "advice, encouragement and support"?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However the topic of corruption was not raised with Government of India by Mr. James D. Wolfensohn. President, World Bank or any other Bank official during the President, World Bank's visit to India.

(c) Information is given in the attached statement.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Status of on going World Bank aided project

S. No	. Name of the Project	Year of approval	IBRD	IDA	Cumulative drawal as on 31.10.% (in US $ million)
1.	ICDS 1 (Orissa & A.P.)	1991	—	85.811	52.265
2.	Maharashtra Rural WS	1991	—	117.276	47.661
3.	Gas Flaring Reduction	1991	450.00	—	428.506
4.	CSSM	1992	—	240.374	232.278
5.	Maharashtra Forestry	1992	—	138.307	37.580
6.	West Bengal Forestry	1992	—	37.084	22.285
7.	Aids Prevention & Con.	1992	—	91.230	38.258
8.	Maharashtra Power-II	1992	350.00	—	111.742
9.	ADP-Rajasthan	1993	—	113.415	46.766
10.	Bihar Plateau	1993	—	126.159	19.318
11.	Renewable Resources	1993	—	128.272	21.002
12.	Jharia Mine Fire Con.	1993	—	13.487	5.747
13.	PGC Power System	1993	350.00	—	99.690